

### **Remarks**

Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment After Final Action be admitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

Applicants submit that this Amendment presents claims in better form for consideration on appeal. Furthermore, applicants believe that consideration of this Amendment could lead to favorable action that would remove one or more issues for appeal.

Claims 3, 5, 6, 11, 13, 19 and 22 have been amended. Claims 1, 2, 9, 10, 17, 18 and 25-29 have been canceled. Therefore, claims 3-8, 11-16 and 19-24 are now presented for examination.

Applicants acknowledge that claims 3-5, 8, 11-16, 19-21 and 24 would be allowable if rewritten to include the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims.

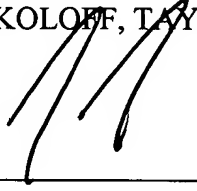
Claims 1, 6, 7, 9, 17, 22, 23 and 25-29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over O'Hare (U.S. Patent No. 6,484,173) in view of Allen et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,895,453). Further, claims 2, 10 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over O'Hare and Allen further in view of Hamer.

Applicants submit that the above-rejections have been obviated by the amendment of the claims to appear in condition for allowance, as indicated in the Final Office Action. Thus, applicants respectfully submit that the rejections have been overcome, and that the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn and the claims be allowed.

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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